

REMARKS

Claims 17-24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 17-20 are amended. Support for the amendments is contained throughout the specification as filed. See, for example, page 5, line 10, of the specification. No new matter is added.

The Office Action rejects claims 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, second paragraph, for containing asserted informalities. Applicants believe that this rejection is overcome with above-amended claims 17-20. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that this rejection is not overcome, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, referencing attorney docket number 108910-00009.

Respectfully submitted,

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